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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were irregular. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good, best where promotional activity was planned or in progress for the upcoming holiday weekend. Supplies were generally adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest prices were 1 cent lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand ranged light to at times fairly good in areas where features were present. Food service movement was fair to good. Supplies were generally adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good while offerings were reported as generally adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate as most schedules were for five days this week with the Labor Day holiday approaching. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90
LARGE	83-91	84-89
MEDIUM	60-68	63-65

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	43-45
SMALL	20-24
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were irregular. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were short to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-102	91-95
LARGE	84-99	91-93
MEDIUM	59-74	64-67

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices adjusted to reflect current market conditions. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand fair to at times fairly good. Food service movement moderate to good for the upcoming holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-101	94-95
LARGE	89.5-97	91-92
MEDIUM	63.5-70	65-66

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-93	87-90
LARGE	82.5-91	85-88
MEDIUM	61-69	62-66

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, best where limited promotional activity was planned or in place. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	71-75

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with scattered feature activity. Feature noted at major chain at 48 cents on large dozen. Supplies were adequate and balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	90-96
LARGE	89-94
MEDIUM	66-73

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**WESTERN** Prices 1 cent lower on jumbo and extra large, 1-2 cents lower on large. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 1 cent lower on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 99, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	135
EXTRA LARGE	132
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	97

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO	265-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	219-239	LARGE	229-285
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	179-219

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 29, 2003, will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 22, 2003, were 228,559 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	191,423	37,136	228,559
% change from the prior week.....	-2	-5	-2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to good while offerings were reported as generally adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate as most schedules were for five days this week with the Labor Day holiday approaching. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	71-73	73
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	56-62	58

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5		8.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 6-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75		8.56

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 25, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Ne	Cent	So	So	Atl	5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	
Jumbo	Current Week	8.1	16.4	5.8	11.3	11.3	52.9	
	Change	-.2	-.5	.1	1.0	-1.3	-2%	
Extra Large	Current Week	23.3	53.5	15.7	17.5	33.5	143.6	
	Change	.7	4.8	3.8	.0	.2	7%	
Large	Current Week	55.6	109.4	77.8	78.8	105.9	427.6	
	Change	8.1	16.9	16.3	-4.1	13.4	13%	
Medium	Current Week	17.1	39.5	19.9	26.8	26.0	129.3	
	Change	1.3	3.6	-.7	3.9	-3.3	4%	
Small	Current Week	6.4	7.1	3.1	6.1	6.8	29.5	
	Change	.2	.3	-.2	-.0	1.1	5%	
Misc	Current Week	4.6	21.2	6.7	13.0	7.0	52.4	
	Change	.5	-4.4	-1.0	1.2	.2	-6%	
Ungraded	Current Week	12.0	30.2	20.7	21.2	27.7	111.8	
	Change	-1.6	-4.0	4.5	-7.1	.3	-7%	
Total	Current Week	127.0	277.3	149.7	174.9	218.1	946.9	
	% Change	8%	6%	18%	-3%	5%	6%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>				
Shell Egg		946.9	6%	172				
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		240.6	-2%	37				
Total Shell Egg		1187.5	4%	209				

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis

of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous month figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:  
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI,VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*

**CANADIAN EGGS** FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2003

**NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION**

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2003

CURRENT LOADS							13.00	FUTURE LOADS							12.50	TOTAL LOADS					25.50
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	—	—	70.00	71.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	80.38	4.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	69.00	70.00	—	—	1.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	80.50	3.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W XL	—	—	81.50	82.50	72.50	—	9.50														
GL W LG	—	—	75.50	77.00	71.17	—	5.75														
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25														
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	38.50	1.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00														

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/18/03-08/22/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS					
86.25								81.75								168.00					
SE			NE		MW				SC		NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	70.00	73.00	71.36	73.92	71.50	72.00	24.00	GNR W 1	71.00	75.33	—	—	—	—	9.00						
GNR W 2	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	67.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	69.00	70.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	81.00	—	4.50	GL W J	85.00	—	—	90.00	—	93.42	5.25						
GL W XL	—	80.67	81.17	82.75	74.85	—	47.25	GL W XL	80.43	84.17	—	86.00	—	84.16	23.00						
GL W LG	—	81.75	76.88	80.00	74.92	—	31.50	GL W LG	81.00	84.22	—	—	—	85.03	27.75						
GL W MD	—	58.00	50.06	52.00	54.76	55.67	16.25	GL W MD	53.00	—	—	65.00	57.50	60.98	8.75						
GL W SM	37.50	39.50	36.00	36.69	34.50	38.50	7.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	.25						
NRBS - 48	—	67.14	—	—	—	74.00	41.00														
NRBS - 39	—	—	50.67	52.67	—	—	5.50														

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/18/03	08/11/03	08/19/02
PACIFIC COAST	71	91	430
LOS ANGELES	39	39	361

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	105.63
LARGE	101.63
MEDIUM	79.63
SMALL	54.00

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland:	08/10/03-08/16/03
30-dozen case	4,843
Receipts from the mainland:	08/03/03-08/09/03
30-dozen case	6,967

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 8/21/2003

Report Period: 8/03/2003 - 8/09/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	2,476	2,476
Arkansas	0	0	976	976
Colorado	0	930	10,978	11,908
Iowa	2,375	8,749	57,754	68,878
Maine	0	0	3,150	3,150
Michigan	0	0	1,520	1,520
Minnesota	2,460	0	10,219	12,679
Mississippi	0	0	260	260
Missouri	810	0	4,950	5,760
Montana	0	0	945	945
Nevada	0	0	1,140	1,140
North Carolina	0	0	810	810
Ohio	0	0	3,488	3,488
Oregon	5,795	787	0	6,582
Pennsylvania	0	0	800	800
Texas	810	0	3,230	4,040
Utah	1,508	0	11,391	12,899
Virginia	0	0	720	720
Washington	0	1,152	0	1,152
Wisconsin	0	0	4,505	4,505
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,758</b>	<b>11,618</b>	<b>119,312</b>	<b>144,688</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,758</b>	<b>11,618</b>	<b>119,312</b>	<b>144,688</b>

Report Period: 8/10/2003 - 8/16/2003

	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases Shipped to	Number Cases shipped to	Total State
State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,284	1,284
Colorado	0	780	3,176	3,956
Iowa	4,680	2,340	21,947	28,967
Maine	780	0	1,630	2,410
Minnesota	2,970	2,430	6,400	11,800
Missouri	0	0	438	438
Ohio	0	0	1,535	1,535
Oregon	1,586	0	0	1,586
South Dakota	780	0	0	780
Texas	0	0	840	840
Utah	960	0	1,794	2,754
Wisconsin	0	0	2,055	2,055
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,756</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>41,099</b>	<b>58,405</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,756</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>41,099</b>	<b>58,405</b>